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REMARKS

The notice of allowable subject matter in Claims 8, 10, 23, 26 and 50-69 is gratefully appreciated. However, in light of applicants' submission of declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, to "swear behind" the Patent to Medina, No. 6,556,445, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the present application are in condition for allowance, so that the application may be passed to issue.

Moreover particularly, Claims 1 to 26 and 40 to 69 are currently pending. Claims 1 to 7, 9, 11 to 22, 24, 25, 40 to 49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,556,445 (Medina), alone or in combination with United States Patent No. 6,364,709 (Jones). Claims 10, 23, 26, 50 to 62, 65 and 66 have been allowed, and Claims 8, 63, 64 and 67 to 69 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Enclosed, please find signed declarations under 37 CFR 1.131 from the inventors Chiu, Pang, Sim, Dair and Tan attesting to the fact that they invented the present invention prior to the filing date of the Medina reference, thereby obviating its use as prior art, and removing the outstanding claim rejections.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

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